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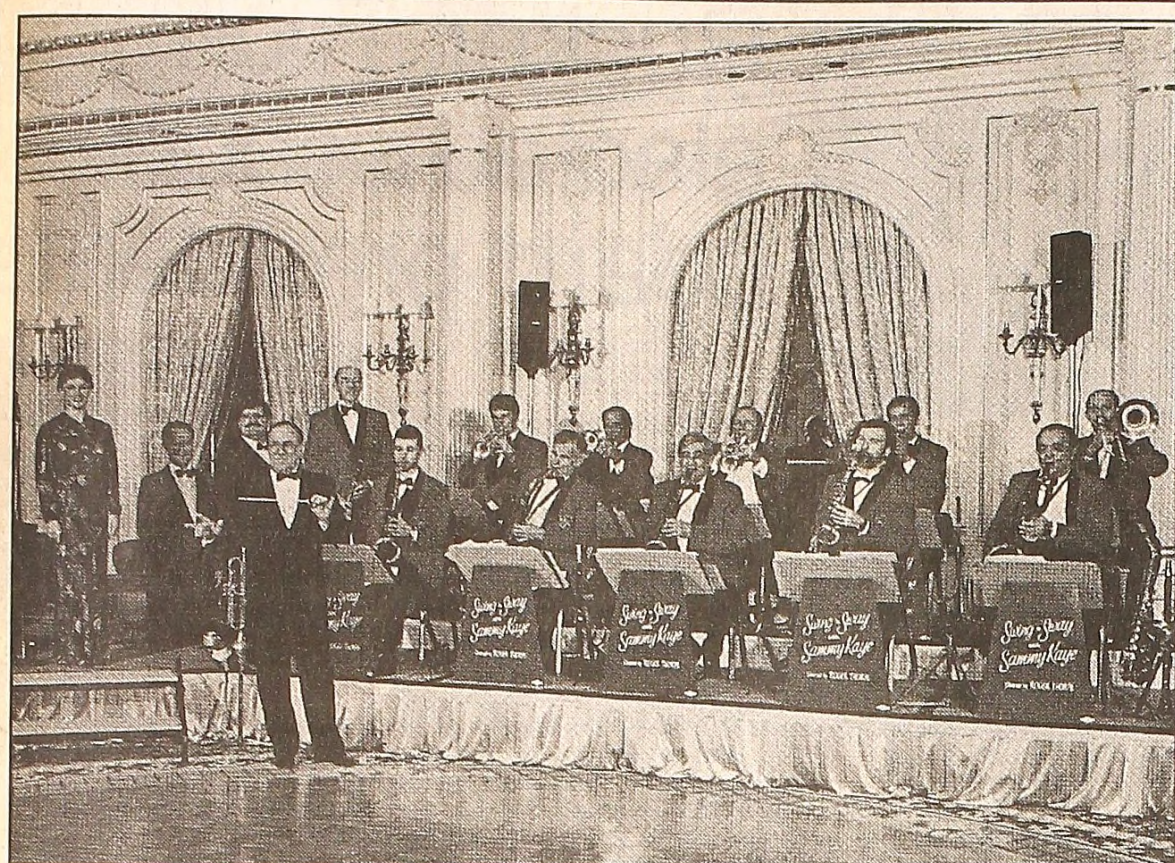
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Swing & sway

The big band sound will come alive in the city of Wayne next week as music fans and lovers can swing & sway with Sammy Kaye and his Orchestra. The band, directed by Roger Thorpe, will perform Thursday night, hopefully under star-lit skies in Goudy Park. Kaye, one of the icons of the big band era, kept the hopes and hearts of millions alive with his music during the World War II. His music, as interpreted by Thorpe, will be performed at during the Goudy Park Concert Series on Thursday, July 27. Goudy Park is located on Wayne Road, about a quarter mile north of Michigan Ave. As always, the concert is free and there are also concessions.

Entry deadline is Aug. 1 Attention, Soap Box Derby drivers

If you're planning to drive in the Wayne Wheelfest Soap Box Derby next month, you have only a couple of weeks left to register for the popular event.

Soap Box Derby officials announced this week that they have established an Aug. 1 deadline for all prospective drivers to register. The derby will be conducted Saturday,

Aug. 26 derby Second Street and Sims Avenue.

The competition has always generated a lot of enthusiasm and is one of the main attractions during the Wheelfest.

Soap Box Derby entries will be accepted daily between the hours of 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center. The Center is located on Howe and Annapolis roads.

Race officials stress that, although there is no entry fee required to enter the competition, there is a \$7 charge that goes toward the purchase of a Soap Box Derby t-shirt.

For further information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 734-721-7400.

Family Dollar store opens in the Wayne Commons

The city of Wayne will house the 144th Family Dollar store that is located in the state of Michigan, and the 3,629th store of its kind in the United States.

The North Carolina-based discount store officially opened its store in Wayne today, July 20, in the Wayne Commons, located at 36113 East Michigan Avenue.

Local officials and Family Dollar executives plan to participate in the "Grand Opening" ceremony which includes the traditional ribbon-cutting

ceremony.

Store officials note that they expect a large crowd to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony, scheduled for 9 a.m., and then take advantage of the special Grand Opening sale prices.

"We look forward to locating in Wayne and being a part of a fine community," said Bruce Barkus, Senior vice President of Store Operations.

"Family Dollar is a rapidly expanding company and offers excellent employment opportunities in this area and

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Family Dollar Stores, Inc. is a publicly held company with common stock traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol FDO.

Asbestos discovery snags Jaycee building demolition

Apparently it will cost the city of Wayne about \$33,000 more to level the old Jaycee Park building.

Kimberly J. Fallow, Wayne Parks and Recreation director, informed Mayor Robert J. Dickerson and members of city council Tuesday night that the ceiling to the building targeted to be demolished may contain asbestos, therefore, the contractor has requested a change in the amount he wants to remove the cancer-causing substance, as required by state and federal laws.

In a request for a change order to council, Fallow noted that "in May, you approved a bid received from Homrich,

Inc. in the amount of \$86,200 to demolish the Jaycee Park Building, the attached pavilion, and restore the basketball court area and site.

"A large part of the demolition deals with existing asbestos and its removal," Fallow further stated. "NHT Consultants were hired to evaluate and write the specification needed for abatement, however, their testing included only the building area. The contractor has had suspicion that the pavilion ceiling might also have asbestos. We have had NHT test the roofing section of the pavilion and they have verified that the existing roof panels do indeed

contain asbestos."

Fallow pointed out that because the areas were not specified in the original bid documents, "we are in need of a change of order to address this issue. The cost of this change order is an additional \$33,000."

"The budgeted amount for this project is \$102,000."

Fallow said that the additional cost of \$17,200 will require a budget amendment."

Council members noted that they had little if any alternative but to agree to the amendment because the law requires asbestos removal immediately upon discovery.

100 are honored They help keep Wayne beautiful

Members of the Wayne Beautification Committee, along with Mayor Robert J. Dickerson and council, honored more than 100 residents for their efforts in helping to "Keep Wayne Beautiful."

The residents Tuesday night were awarded July 2000 Yard Awards and they received the thanks and gratitude of mayor and council.

Among those who received the award are:

Thelma Dasho, 35334 Brush; Delores Tarpinian, 4960 Fletcher; Robert Lindon, 4975 Fletcher; Fred Ratledge, 5251 Fletcher; John and Patricia Dunn, 37600 Hillcrest Drive; Joel Gillooly, 37680 Hillcrest Drive; Derrick Kidd and Ladonya Thompson, 38307 Laurenwood Drive; Gary E. Tilson, 38321 Laurenwood Drive; James Price, 38376 Laurenwood Drive; and James Zoltowski, 38424 Laurenwood Drive.

The residents Tuesday night were awarded July 2000 Yard Awards.

Also honored were: Richard Rice, 38507 Laurenwood Drive; Patrick and Christine Kennedy, 38633 Laurenwood Drive; James and Abbie Scott, 38142 Laurenwood Drive; Jerry Cook, 38821 Covington; Greg and Gabriele Barcy, 38777 Covington; Andrew Dobbins, 38769 Crescent Court; Art Hicks, 38748 Crescent Court; John Nicholson, 38794 Parkview Drive.

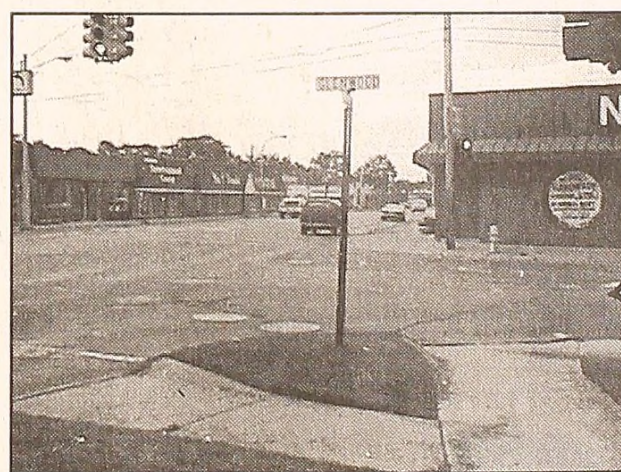
Other awards recipients are: Sherry Cottingham, 4526 John Hix; Betty Stevens, 4122 Randolph; Steve Provot, 4210 Randolph; Karen Henisse, 4420 Randolph; Susan M. Roneau, 4533 Grace; Ed Fellingner, 35244 Phyllis; William Kampfert, 35443 Upland Court;

Tom Newport, 36455 Upland Court; Andrew and Frances Sheposh, 36436 Center Court; Jesse Jackson, 37026 Thinbark; Viola Fogerty, 36584 Thinbark; Margaret Gantt, 37074 Thinbark; and Michael and Tonia Szabo, 36662 Thinbark.

Also awarded were: Steve Hicks, 36705 Thinbark; Julie Berci, 36765 Thinbark; Irwin Nothnagel, 36935 Thinbark; Richard and Valerie Lappan, 36947 Thinbark; Stephan Bane, 37096 Thinbark; Jerry Gill, 37111 Thinbark; John and Robin DeJack, 37135 Thinbark; Lawrence A. Sochocki, 37217 Thinbark; David Dillingham, 37264 Thinbark; Brian Martin, 37046 Pinewood; William and Heather Hamilton, 37023 Pinewood; A. F. Geitzen, 37000 Pinewood; Arlene Laforrest, 36935 Pinewood; James Carr, 36928 Pinewood; Jerry Poplin, 36781 Pinewood; Claude Mason, 36776 Pinewood; and Elwell Howard, 36609 Glenwood.

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They're shopping until they drop

When the invitation was issued by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority to travel to Indiana to "shop till you drop", and to play the slots at the Blue Chips Casino, a bus load of happy travelers responded. The group was treated to a delicious lunch, and given money to invest in hitting it big and hauling their big fortune back home. There was also plenty of time to chat along the way, and to stop for photos. Above, Delta Sigma Theta members and Zeta Phi Beta members pause for one of the photo sessions during the trip. They're with bus driver, Bill. Also pictured, from left, are Alderene Solomon, Addie Faulk, Bill, Norena Knox (trip coordinator), Mary Lester, Marcelline Dukes, Beverly Jordan, Dorietha Armstrong, Dorothy Garrett, Mary Gray and Cora Bradley.

Peoples Community receives grant

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

To continue their work to build affordable homes in the area, the Peoples Community Hope for Homes, Inc. was awarded a state grant of more than \$500,000.

Corporate and church officials are hopeful that the corporation also will be awarded a federal grant to pursue their work.

Peoples Community Hope for Homes, Inc. is a subsidiary nonprofit housing corporation of the Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church of Westland. The grant was awarded to the corporation by the Michigan State Housing Authority (MSHA) to con-

tinue in its endeavor to help revitalize the housing stock in the area and the city of Westland, according to Sam L. Brown, executive director of Peoples Community Hope for Homes.

"We obviously are very elated over the recent development," said Brown, in a telephone interview. "We have a mission to help people."

Brown also noted that the Peoples Community is also eligible to receive federal funds.

In addition to the Peoples Community Hope for Homes, Inc., the Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church's outreach ministries, with Rev. Gerry K. Hearn as pastor, and Rev. John D. Hearn as pastor emeritus, includes the C&S

Mission, Inc., in Port Au Prince, Haiti; the Thomas-Gist Academy Charter Schools, and the Peoples Community Baptist Day Care Center.

Brown pointed out that Peoples Community was selected for the grant, in conjunction with the city of Westland under the auspices of the local 2000 "best practices" winner, by the Michigan State Office of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its efforts toward the Carver Subdivision Revitalization project.

Carver was built during the World War II era, and, over the years several attempts have been made to revitalize the area, but they have been unsuccessful.

The Carver Subdivision is located in the southeast quadrant of Westland, which is east of Middlebelt Road and south of Michigan Avenue.

Brown also said that Peoples Community representatives and Westland officials will be traveling to Washington D. C. to attend HUD's second annual "Best Practices" Symposium.

During the symposium, HUD officials will present all local awards and also announce the department's 100 national "best practices" awards recipients.

"We feel that Peoples Community is an excellent candidate for the national awards," Brown said.

Rucker, Rich elected school board presidents

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

John Rucker, who was the lone holdout in the vote to give New York-based Edison Schools a contract to run the Inkster School District, was elected last week as president of the Inkster School Board.

Rucker will replace pro-Edison advocate, George Williams, who was defeated in his bid for re-election in the annual June 12 school elections.

Rucker, the senior member of the board, will face several major obstacles during the transition, including the decline of student enrollment and the loss of some 28 long-time teachers, who accepted a \$30,000 buyout from Edison to retire from the school district this year.

The Inkster School District, faced with a \$1.2 million deficit and a threat of a state takeover, turned to Edison, a private manager of public schools, for assistance.

Edison agreed to finance the school district's debt in exchange for the control of the district. With Rucker casting the lone "no" vote, after unsuccessfully arguing against the takeover, the board voted 6-1 to award Edison a 5-year contract.

According to Edison Schools officials, Edison will take responsibility for implementing the educational program and management of the school district and will be accountable to the school board.

The board has the option to sever ties with Edison, but the district would have to reimburse the corporation for any monies invested in the school district.

The board also selected Ocie Carswell as its vice presi-



John Rucker
President, again

dent; Sandra-Motley Cook was picked as board secretary, while the treasurer for the 2000-2001 school year is Priscilla Cook.

Newly-elected Jacqueline Y. Sledge and Antoine Shaw, along with second-term trustee Areeda Quincy Whitener, round out the school board line-up.

In the meanwhile, Sandra Rich will take over the presidential reins of the Westwood Community School District. She, too, is a longtime member of the board. Patrick McLaughlin will serve as vice president while Timothy T. Emery is the new board secretary. The board also elected Gregory D. Stephens as treasurer.

Roderick Means, Luisa R. Donfried and newcomer Kimberly D. Lampkin are the complete the board line-up for the upcoming school year.

Westwood Community School District officials also announced that it has become a "Schools of Choice" district for the upcoming 2000-2001 school year.

"This gives students in neighboring districts in Wayne County to apply for a limited number of spaces in the Westwood schools," notes Dr. Equilla Bradford, superintendent of schools.

Some dreaming of Christmas in July

There are some who dream of Christmas in July.

And, among those who never forget about the Christmas holiday are the Inkster Goodfellows.

Inkster Goodfellows would like to remind residents that the Goodfellows' work is never

completed until each and every child has a Merry Christmas.

To that end, the Goodfellows are seeking volunteers to help work for the organization and to bring a little cheer to children who may not have much to smile about.

"We're always in need of more volunteers who want to make a difference in their community," stressed Nathaniel Bishop, president of the Inkster Goodfellows. "If you feel you can help, please join us."

Local residents who want to

join the organization or need more information may contact Bishop at 734-729-1239 or Rochelle Wells. Wells may be reached at 734-721-7008.

The Inkster Goodfellows' Board of Directors also includes Elizabeth Byrd, secretary, and Dorothy Moore, who is the club treasurer.

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McMurrays mark 40th anniversary

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Ed and Donna McMurray of Wayne recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a special trip to Hawaii.

They were married on July 1, 1960 at St. John's Lutheran Church of Wayne.

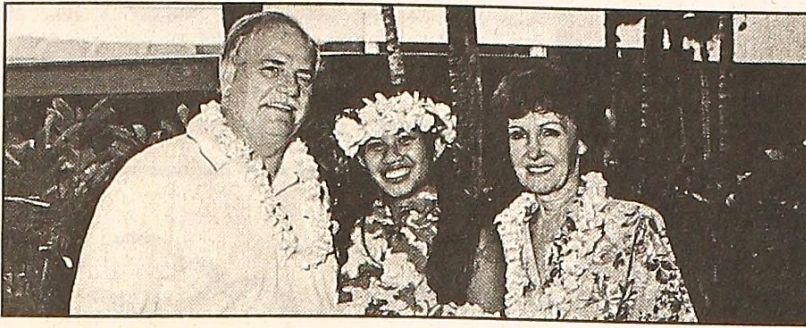
Donna (Hartig) McMurray has resided in Wayne all of her life. She is a homemaker and volunteer in the nursery at the Free Methodist Church of Westland.

Her husband moved to Wayne in 1946. They met while attending Wayne High School and married after he finished his U.S. Army career in California.

McMurray worked for 35 years for Ford Motor Co. as a metal model maker, retiring on April 1, 1997.

He enjoys working on classic cars and motorcycles. Both he and his wife have served on various local and church committees.

They have four children: Rob, 39; Karen, 38; Sandra, 36 and Julie, 30. They also have 11 grandchildren.



Ed and Donna McMurray of Wayne are greeted by a Hawaiian host as they marked their 40th wedding anniversary on the islands. MCN Special Photo

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Mature drivers seminar

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A "Mature Drivers Seminar" slated to help older drivers learn driving skills, as their hearing, vision and other human elements change with the aging process, is slated at 2 p.m. Sept. 20.

The 90-minute seminar will be offered at the Friendship Center in Westland.

"You will also learn how to objectively determine when it is appropriate to give up driving a vehicle," observed Barbara S. Marcum, deputy director of the Westland Senior Resources Department.

Light refreshments also will be served.

Creative memories class set

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A special class for senior citizens that will outline the skills of creating personalized gifts using family memories is slated at the Friendship Center in Westland from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 20.

Barbara Marcum, Westland Senior Resources Department deputy director, informed residents that "in the class you will learn how to safely preserve your family's photos for future generations."

The class size is limited to between 10 and 15 persons, so residents are urged to register soon.

The fee is \$10 and covers the cost of instructions and all the material needed to create the first scrapbook page.

For more information call Marcum at 734-722-7632.

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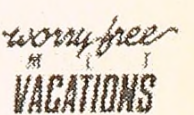
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Westland has its own 'Survivor'; it's called the Brenda and Trav show

Forget the battle Richard, Sue, Gervase and the gang wage each Wednesday on their deserted South Pacific Island, as members of the Survivor Series cast. We got our own little battle royal going on right here in Westland, that would make any prime time soap opera seem tame.

If you've been reading this newspaper, particularly the Sound Off entries, consistently over the last few months you probably know the cast of characters as well as the most avid "Survivor" watchers know their crew.

Let me see the leading role would belong to Brenda Gracin, who along with husband, Mario, are spending day and night as front people for a vocal group who are attempting to recall four out of the seven Westland City Council members. The male leads would be Council President Trav Griffin and his eloquent but despised sidekick, council member David Cox. Playing supporting roles most certainly would be council's favorite developer, Kathy Makino; Mayor of Tammany, excuse me Westland, Mayor Bob Thomas; and former city clerk, now state representative candidate, Pat Gibbons; and last but not least, huge Gibbons supporter, but now her opponent in the state representative election, popular councilman, Glenn Anderson.

Several episodes are already in the proverbial can. There's the pilot in which Griffin and Cox solidify their control on the council and then fire their clerk, Gibbons, who filed a grievance against the two for improper use of her office for campaign mailings. Another episode would feature Mayor Thomas, who is recruited by County king maker, the executive himself, Edward McNamara, to run against disfavored County Commissioner Kay Beard.

A third episode would focus on racial profiling charges leveled against the City Police Department, lead by Chief Emery Price, who hopes to take over as Mayor, once Thomas is elected to the County Commission. Developer Makino would be featured in a fourth show as she and Gracin

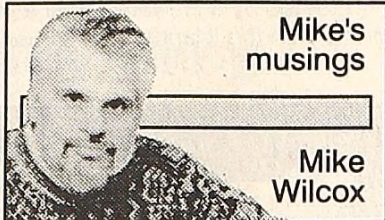
sue and countersue. Gracin's husband claims Makino gets preferred treatment because she lines the pockets of council people. Makino counters claiming slander.

Guest appearances would include one by Michigan's favorite rapper, Eminem, who's own personal life is almost screwed up as much as one of our star councilman's. Let's see, Eminem could be making an appearance in Westland court because his mother is suing him for lyrics depicting her as a drugged out whore; or he could be there because he is accused of pulling a gun outside a Westland bar and pointing it at one of the Insane Clown Posse (ICP). ICP are rival rappers who happened to be having their way with Eminem's wife.

And of course the Rev. Al Sharpton would star in the racial profiling episode. He would abandon his post at The Fairlane Mall to bring his minions to Westland City Hall, where a protest of gigantic proportions is waged against the beleaguered police department. The Council would attempt to diffuse the issue by appointing a commission made up of campaign supporters and friends to investigate the charges.

This is ratings busting stuff, if I've ever watched a prime time show. CBS would do well to follow Survivor with this one. Some would suggest we even lead with "Westland Place", but upon second thought this is definitely an "R" rated show and certainly children under the age of 16 should not be exposed to the rants and ravings that take place at City Hall.

So move over Rudy and Jenna. You better spice up your backstabbing comments. Brenda and Trav are coming to get ya, and my bet is they'll knock you off your 32 share perch faster than you can say "I Want to be a Millionaire."



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Council hits bottom with near riot

Good thing the Westland City Council backed down Monday on voting in new rules and procedures, most of which, if passed, would further restrict citizen input.

Restrictive rules included allowing the council president to censor many remarks, banned audience responses, and in rare circumstances shifting citizens comments to 7 a.m. in the morning.

The present restrict rules, restrictive enough, were partially responsible for the near riot that ended Monday night's meeting.

The civil disobedience occurred when Acting Council President David Cox threatened to have police remove speaker Debra Hessler-Davis from the lectern after she spoke for three minutes.

Hessler-Davis refused. Cox called for Police Chief Emery Price to remove her, and about 25 citizens circled her at the lectern, thwarting an easy arrest.

Had Cox, not known for cool under pressure, ordered Hessler-Davis and the citizens' arrest, the scene would have recalled the arrests of civil rights demonstrators in the South of the sixties.

Ugly. Fortunately, Cox backed down and called a recess, afterwards allowing Hessler-Davis.

If all it took was Cox's restriction of speech to cite the citizens into action, just think what would have happened under stricter laws designed to limit citizen input further.

Luckily, council had postponed action on new rules after Councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli moved to send the rules back to the rules and procedures subcommittee,



Ivan Helfman

which had been charged with recommending possible rule changes. The committee, as originally intended, will draft a report with the assistance of City Attorney Angelo Plakas, and, if split, draft a minority report too. Then the city council will vote.

"Perhaps we will have a little more clarity and organization," said Councilwoman Sharon Scott, subcommittee chairwoman, who favored the postponement. She also pointed out that rule change recommendations are still coming in.

Perhaps the delay will enable council members to realize that citizen input is valuable and necessary. Once that light bulb flashes off in Cox and Council President Trav Griffin's minds, the council can establish rules based on the best way to tap citizen ideas, comments, and suggestions.

Griffin began restricting citizen comments since crowds began protesting the council's decision not to re-appoint former City Clerk Pat Gibbons in January. Since then, council policies prevent many speakers' questions from being directly answered, causing the same questions to be repeated weekly, angering council members and frustrating the public.

Before the crowds, former Council President Sandra Cicirelli had allowed citizens and groups with enough time to pre-

sent their issues to council, occasionally calling study sessions to discuss citizen issues at length when necessary, such as when rats infested an east-side neighborhood or Ravine Street neighbors clashed over parking spaces. Under Cicirelli, citizens questions were answered when asked.

Neighboring communities, such as Canton Township, keep order by, in the world's of an official, "bending over backwards" to allow everybody, their attorneys and experts, to be heard. Attempts are made to answer questions.

Among local Wayne County governments, it's only common among local school boards to restrict speakers' time and to ignore citizens' questions.

Though council postponed the vote, many citizens spoke against the proposed changes.

"Go back and read the Constitution," said Georgia Becker.

"Some issues take more than two minutes," said Arthur Warren, who has been trying to get the council to discuss community-police relations with citizens. "I get a feeling that a lot of your processes are not democratic."

He warned the city that by ignoring citizens upset with some police tactics, Westland may get hit with a multi-million-dollar police abuse lawsuit.

Instead, the city may get hit with a class action suit from the angry citizens who rose to protect Hessler-Davis. That was the table talk at a local diner after the meeting.

Westland must realize that its government can continue running on adrenaline. Or it can run on trust.

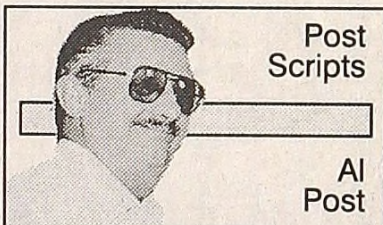
Name local school for Bedell

Once supposedly the "most feared educator" in Wayne County - Bill Bedell has retired as Romulus' long termed school superintendent.

But the love and respect he still has for his old school district remains quite evident -- as he stopped by to visit old friends on Tuesday afternoon with the official ground-breaking of the planned Beverly Road elementary school.

With the information passed out prior to ground-breaking that a "Name the School Committee" has been formed headed by Eva Webb...it dawned on this writer that it was time to honor this legendary educator for his two decades of service.

While not trying to usurp the responsibility of the "Name" committee...it appears time to start honoring long time leaders both in the city of Romulus and in the Romulus School District.



Post Scripts

Al Post

The city is doing such an honorary effort on July 29 - with the pending dedication of equally legendary Councilman Jimmie Raspberry.

More of such designations are truly needed in Romulus. Why should schools be named after streets such as Wick and Barth Schools and why should parks be numbered instead of named.

And it means much more when you name such a building, gymnasium or room where School Board meetings are televised, if the honored person is still alive.

If the committee fails to name the new school for Bedell...why not the unnamed gymnasium?

Several years ago I asked Bill - what was your most embarrassing incident in the school's gymnasium?

He broke out into a huge red grin and stated "losing a one-on-one basketball contest with a one-armed staff member!"

That same staff member later challenged Channel 7's sports caster Don Shane to a similar one-on-one battle. For the results of that contest check with Don Shane.

One Michigan Community Newspapers reader asked "is there anything that shouldn't be named for Bedell?"

This writer grew tight-lipped and said "oh yes...any board meeting room where Cable TV might be invited in the future."

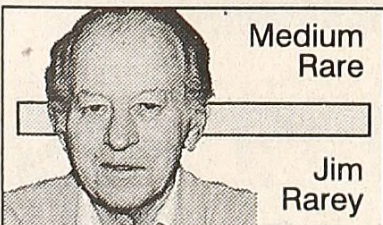
For the reason on that matter...check with the "most feared educator" for the answer.

Split personality: Dearborn sues itself

Taxpayers in Dearborn may wind up paying attorney fees for both sides in a dispute over development of the site of the vacated Jacobson's department store building. A majority of the Dearborn City Council favors one plan while Mayor Guido and the Board of Directors of the West Dearborn Downtown Development Authority are pushing a different plan.

The council had authorized a \$2.5 million loan to the Authority for purchase of the building but now wants title to it to pursue its own development plan. The Authority is refusing to relinquish title and the council may go to court with the dispute.

In the 1970's the state legislature enacted laws allowing cities



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

to set up Downtown Development Authorities (DDAs) and Tax Increment Financing Authorities (TIFAs). Both siphon off taxpayer dollars (tax increments) to finance projects controlled by their respective Boards of Directors.

While some will dispute it was the purpose of the state laws; the result was an end run around the Headlee Amendment to the state constitution which required cities to submit bond proposals to the

voters for approval. DDAs and TIFAs only need approval of city councils to issues bonds to be paid off by the authorities out of tax increments collected on property in their designated geographic area in the city.

In both types of organizations, board members must be approved by the council (except for the mayor's presence on the DDA board, which is required by state law). Once appointed, board members can only be removed (before expiration of their terms) for "cause" which can be challenged in court.

State law also requires that a majority of DDA board members must own businesses in the district whether or not they live in

the city.

DDAs and TIFAs have virtually the same powers that city councils have except that their annual budgets must be approved by city councils.

Ownership of the Jacobson building should be governed by the terms of the loan that enabled the authority to purchase it. The city council should use its control of the purse strings to get its way (through the budget approval process) rather than go to court.

In the long run, DDAs and TIFAs should be abolished to return control of development to elected officials directly accountable to the voters.



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It's amazing that Romulus has so many things for students

To the Editor:

I was very disturbed by a recent Letter to the Editor on June 22nd in the Romulus Roman. After reading a letter about Romulus Schools and the lack of rewards and incentives for well-behaved and motivated students, I spoke with five of my children that attend the elementary and middle schools. At this time I would like to share a few of their insights and mine about what Romulus Schools have done for my children. My children range from average to high achievers and I hope that their ideas shed some light on some of the positive ways they have been encouraged to continue good classroom behavior and maintain good grades.

Some of the incentives we discussed included: being chosen as a member of the Safety Patrol, Band, and a member of the Student Advisory Council. They have also been given the opportunity to attend the Academic Adventure Camps, summer RESA enrichment courses, literature enrichment program and leadership group that assists in service projects and activities with senior citizens. They have been honored by receiving science fair awards, perfect attendance awards, honor roll certificates, most improved student awards, MEAP certificates, daily high fives, fitness awards, and buying special "goodies" at the school store. If they have earned a month of positive behavior, they attend a special assembly. Each of them has been chosen for a few of these activities when they have worked hard. As parents, we are proud of them and we teach them how to be proud of each other when they do not get an award.

All of these activities and honors have given my "average" children the opportunity to see the rewards of hard work and the chance to realize that each child is honored and recognized for their individual talents. They may not be chosen for every activity at their school, but they have strengths and work hard to follow school rules. As "average" students, they have visited the Intervention Room to solve disputes or have a time out for misbehavior. I do not see them receiving rewards, only encouragement to improve and consequences for their misbehavior. My responsibility as a parent is to uphold these rules and give my children rewards and punishment at home. When my children deal with a problem at school or work hard to bring up their grades, we take time as a family to celebrate that accomplishment. I do not expect our schools to be able to honor every positive thing that my children have done. I also do not think that they will be chosen for every activity at their schools. It is one of life's lessons for us to help our children learn to be gracious when others have earned a reward or accomplishment. I do not see children being rewarded for misbehavior in our schools. I see our schools encouraging all students to succeed, all students to excel, and all students to feel pride when things improve for them at school.

Another issue in the letter that concerns me is the fact that we don't have many ways that schools set goals to bring out the introverted students. When we were talking as a family, we remembered many things in elementary and middle school that we have been involved in that have helped each of us gain confidence at school. Here are some of the things my children brainstormed: huddle up time, class meetings, "I" messages, using a "bug" and a "wish", oral presentations, "take ten", Student Advisory Council, ACE challenge course, cooperative learning, book buddies, scouts, and being a Student of the Week. Many people have taken time to talk to my own children individually and they were so excited that the school social worker and their own teachers were able to talk with them when they needed them. Another important person for all five of my children was their school principal. They always

have felt that she cared about them and is proud of them. When our family went through a difficult time, her encouragement made a big difference.

It's amazing that Romulus has so many things in place for students. I had a very shy little girl that entered Romulus

Schools in the first grade. Now, she's very outgoing. When she came out of her shell, we were all very excited! I think that our schools have worked very hard with her.

The final issue of the letter that I would like to address is the parent compact. I defi-

nately agree with Ms. Lammers that it would be great to see everyone involved in our children's education signing the compact. However, it is a necessary piece that some parents need in order to recognize their responsibilities. In high performing schools, parent

compacts are a vital piece of their success. I hope that we, as parents and educators, will continue to take our responsibilities seriously. If a piece of paper is necessary so that everyone sees their roles spelled out, then the compact is very important. The compact

does not spell our rewards or recognition for misbehavior. Parents have a responsibility to play in their children's education and success. Let's celebrate their improvement and achievements at home, and at school.

Molly McGlynn

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Inkster's Littles is listed in Who's Who of America's Teachers



Rhoda Littles (above) is among an elite group of educators who were recently named in the sixth edition of the prestigious *Who's Who Among American's Teachers 2000*.

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

Inkster resident Rhoda Littles, an outstanding educator, and a graduate of Robichaud High School in the Westwood School District, has been earned recognition in the sixth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2000*.

Littles is listed because of her ability and dedication, and also for her significant impact and difference she has made in the lives of the students who she teaches every day. One of her students contacted the publication and offered reasons why her teacher should be in *Who's Who*, and the editors, after reading Littles' credentials, agreed.

The biographical inclusion in the prestigious publication is a distinct honor. It definitely celebrates the individual accomplishments of selected teachers, as American's best educators with dignity and honor.

Littles presently is teaching on the high school level at the

Commerce and Business in Detroit. Her method of teaching and her ability to relate and encourage her students has left an impression on graduating student, Marissa Brown, who submitted her teacher's name for consideration in the annual publication.

Kudos! Congratulations to Rhoda Littles.

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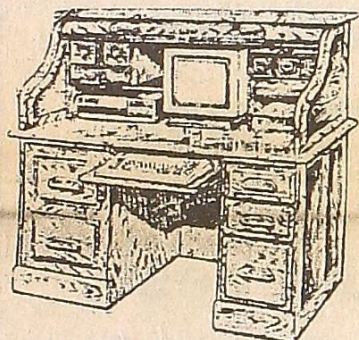
There will be an official public test of the Election Management and Tabulation computer system to be used by the City of Wayne for the Primary Election, August 8, 2000. The test will be held in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall on Tuesday, July 25, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

Mary E. Barber
City Clerk

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JULY 5, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem.

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.
Absent: None
Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays- None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-242

2A. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 26, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays-None. Abstain Wadsworth. Motion Carried.

00-243

4A. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Robert Andrews.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-244

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to grant a No Fee Permit for the St. Aloysius Festival to be held August 25-27, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to accept the

Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays- None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-245

5A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to adopt a resolution determining a need for street lighting to be specially assessed for the Farms Subdivision No. 1 which is currently under construction. Further, to direct the City Assessor to prepare a list of all properties to be affected and provide an estimate of costs.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-246

5A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to adopt a resolution determining a need for street lighting to be specially assessed for the Commons Subdivision which is currently under construction. Further, to direct the City Assessor to prepare a list of all properties to be affected and provide an estimate of costs.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-247

5A3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution determining a need for street lighting to be specially assessed for the Fairways at Gateway Subdivision No. 1 which is currently under construction. Further, to direct the City Assessor to prepare a list of all properties to be affected and provide an estimate of costs.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-248

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to award Bid 99/00-87 to VODA Telecommunications in the amount of \$7,226.00 for the installation of the business telephone wiring and a data cabling system for the new DPW building.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-249

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 99/00-88 to Guardian Alarm Company in the amount of \$3,056.00 for the installation of both the burglar and fire alarm systems with a monthly monitoring and maintenance fee of \$153.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-250

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to award Bid 99/00-93 to Staples Office Supply in the amount of \$8,082.00 for the purchase of eighteen (18) Chairs for the Council Chambers.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-251

6A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Morris to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 99/00-18-23 introduced at the meeting of July 5, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-252

9A. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to forward a communication to the Wayne County Commissioners informing them that all County owned properties in the City of Romulus must comply with all City ordinances.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-253

9B. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to send a communication to Romulus Police Officer Matthews wishing him a speedy recovery.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 5, 2000.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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People in the news

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS



Jason Cornellier and Rachel Kubitski

Kubitski, Cornellier to marry on Aug. 12

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Rachel D. Kubitski and Jason M. Cornellier, both of Wayne, plan to marry on Aug. 12 at St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Wayne Community Center.

The bride elect revealed that her husband-to-be took her to visit New York City and proposed to her on the top of the Empire State Building on Oct. 1, 1998.

She is the daughter of David and Yvonne Kubitski and is a student at Eastern Michigan University.

Cornellier is the son of Diane and John Schmitt and Mark and Betsy Cornellier, all

of Wayne.

He is a senior consultant at Technical Appnet Inc.

Andrea Rossi will be the maid of honor and the bride's maids will be Teresa Schertzer, Jen Doran, Debbie Piesen, Michelle Kubitski, Mindy Hendrix and Allison Heitsan.

The flower girl will be Chanel Hendrix and the ring bearer will be Matthew Schertzer.

The best man will be Robert Pace and the groomsmen will be Nick Cornellier, Lenny Kubitski, Rino Rossi, Adam Cacioppo and Mike Donahoe.

The bridal song will be *The Way You Look Tonight*.

brownfield redevelopment, state funding for Leaking Underground Storage Tank sites and the Michigan Underground Storage Tank Financial Assurance Fund.

She earned her bachelor's degree in biology from Oakland University.

Karen Zale of Westland is among the Top Twenty travel agents honored recently by the AAA Michigan for outstanding sales achievements in 1999.

She was selected from more than 200 such AAA agents statewide.

Zale works in the Travel Reservations Center in AAA Michigan's Administrative Offices Building on Auto Club Drive in Dearborn.



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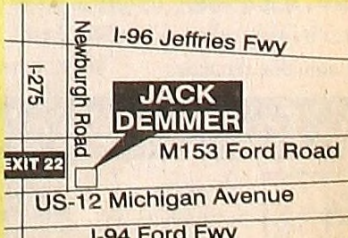
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Twisters launch football season

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With a new name and a new goal, the Twisters will bring the curtains up on the 2000 LakeShore Football season on Saturday at River Rouge High School.

The Twisters, known as the Wayne County Twisters for the past three years, have adopted the name of Michigan Twisters for the upcoming semi-pro football conference year.

"We felt it would give us a wider range and an appropriate name, after all we are rep-

Former prep stars fill semipro team's roster

resenting Michigan," said J. Glenn Brothers, president and CEO of the Twisters.

The Twisters will take on the Motor City Cougars Saturday afternoon with kick-off for the season opener scheduled for 1 p.m.

With a lineup that includes a score of former local high school stars, namely, Reggie Brandon (Wayne Memorial), Vincent Lee (Inkster), Matt Graca (John Glenn), Ray

Brown (Robichaud), Pat Bowie (Plymouth- Salem), James Chapman (Plymouth-Canton), Chuck Lauber (John Glenn), the Twisters hope to win a national championship this year.

But Brothers says that "you have to take first things, first, and all we're during is working toward that opening game.

But Brothers will admit his team does have a shot at the conference title.

"We have been very fortunate in attracting new local talent which has improved both our defensive and offensive units," Brothers added. "We are confident with the addition of these new players, we are in a strengthened position to make a strong run for the championship in the league."

The Twisters have been a title threat since the inception of the league.

By the way before they were

called the Michigan Twisters, they were known as the Wayne County Twisters.

The Twisters home opener is scheduled for 7 p.m. on July 29th against the Tri-County Mustangs, a team out of Fremont, Ohio. Brothers says that the night games will definitely be an added attraction to get more fans out to their games.

"We'll be playing our home games at Willow Run High School's Devlin Stadium.

Delvin Stadium is located on Holmes Road, between Spencer Lane and Midway Blvd, one block north of Michigan Avenue.

Admission for adults is \$5 and student tickets are \$2. Seniors, 60 and older, are admitted free of charge.

Other local stars who will see action for the Twisters this year are: Chuck Lauber (John Glenn), Gerald Hughes (Inkster), Phil Graca (John Glenn), Mike Kennedy (Wayne Memorial) and Bill Davey (John Glenn).

Westland shares softball crown

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Westland tuned up for the weekend Anderson Memorial Softball Tournament by finishing with a share of the prestigious 32nd annual Kiracoff Memorial Invitational title.

Manager Larry Quatuccio's ball club got off to a shaky start by dropping the opener 17-14 to the Raiders, a team out of Flint, then regrouped its forces to make it back into the winning column.

"It was a round-robin with points awarded by run loss record and runs scored," explained Quatuccio later. "We ended up 3-1, along with Webworks/Raiders out of Flint and tied us for first place."

What the longtime manager of the LDJ/Varsity/Journey/ Easton was saying is that his team can be beaten. LDJ is the defending Anderson Tournament champ, and it will be tough for the Westlanders to repeat, according to Quatuccio.

Against Flint, the Westlanders had problems stopping their opponents from getting on the board early and dug themselves into a 9-2 hole before they started to dig out. Westland rallied for four runs in the fourth but Flint came back and tallied five times to built up their lead to 14-7 before Quatuccio's club tied it with a seven-run sixth inning.

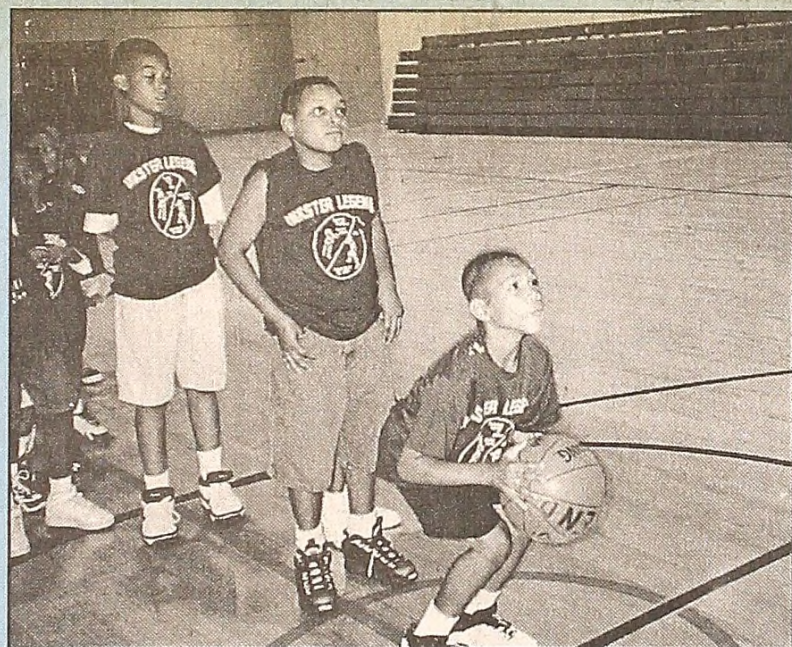
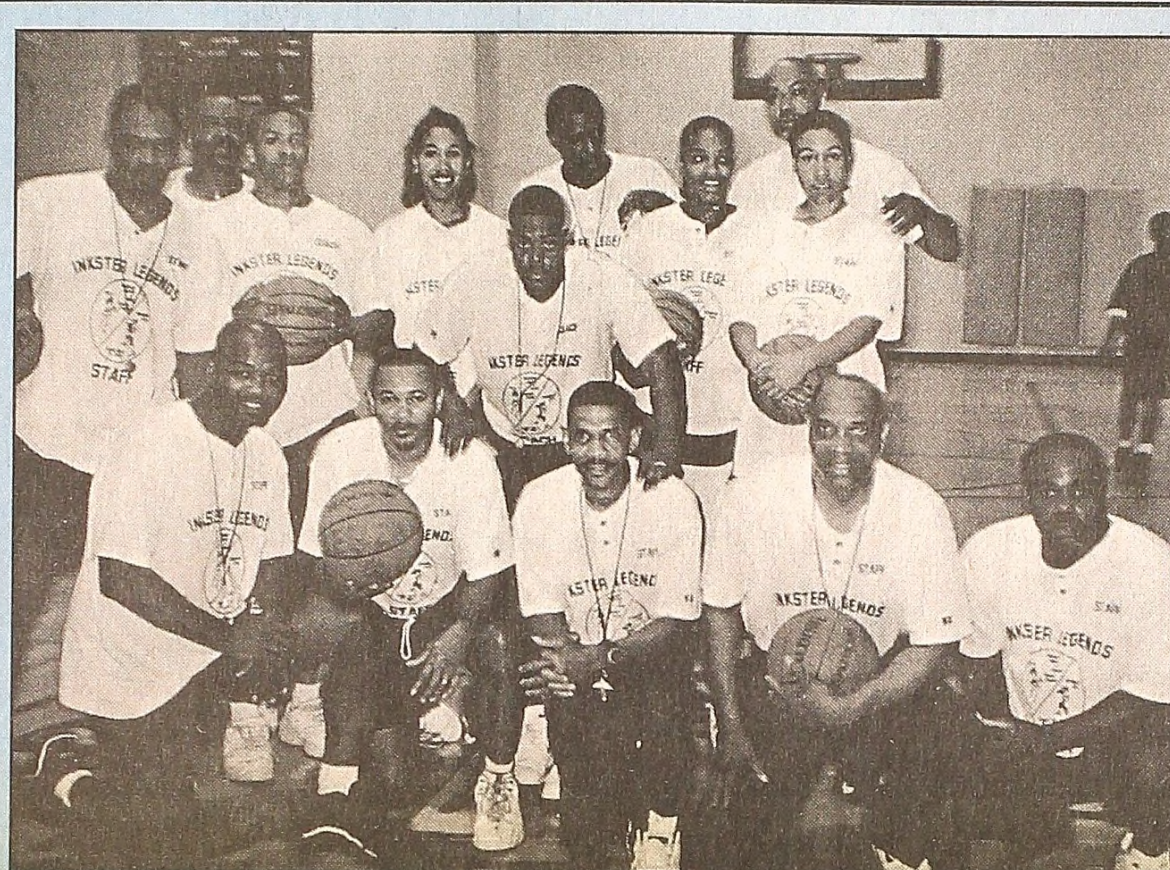
Westland got a pair of homers and seven RBIs from Pat Wayne who led their assault. Scott Hille homered and also collected a pair of singles for the winners. Pat Matchulat and Randy Windham each checked in with three hits and Rick Bress doubled and tripled.

Westland came back and won a slugfest, 31-22, over a Harlo Printing team that stunned their opponents as they tilted the scoreboard for 10 runs in the first inning. Westland came right back and exploded for 10 of their own runs in the second inning, added three in the third before scoring nine more in the fourth.

The long ball was the decisive factor in this one as Jason Riggs hammered three homers and accounted for eight runs batted in. Wayne had his second seven RBI game as he again pounded two homers, doubled and singled. Teammate Brian Donehue missed hitting for the cycle when he failed hit a three-bagger.

Sam Gatto laced four singles and drove in three runs, and teammate Bob Stewart also carded two homers and a single for 4 RBIs.

LDJ exploded for nine runs in the last of the seventh to salvage a 25-23 victory over Snap-On from Chicago. Riggs and Stewart again played havoc on the opposing pitchers as each drilled two roundtrippers. Riggs picked up eight RBIs and Stewart had five. Bruce Wood homered and latched on to two singles and three runs batted in.



Former collegiate and professional ball players will be on hand to help kids learn the fundamentals. The line-up above includes: Jesse Hardy, (from left) Woodell Payne, Warren Woods, William Springer, Eartha Faust, Richard Walker, Jason Malloy, Ryan Kilgore, Bo Bivens, Duane Fox, Kristine Kilgore, Bill Kilgore, Bob Dukes and Michael Newman. In photo at left, some of the camp participants learn the art of shooting a basketball.

Legends to go for a tripeat

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The Legends will be going to the hoop on Aug. 4 and Aug. 5 to see if they can top last year's incredible record.

The former collegiate and professional basketball stars will be staging their third annual Legends' Basketball Camp for children and hope to attract more than 250 area children to the camp. The camp, a two-day affair, will be conducted at the Booker T. Dozier Parks and Recreation Department, located on Middlebelt Road, about a quarter-mile north of Michigan Avenue.

"We had about 200 kids there last year and we be-

lieve we are going to hit more than that on Saturday," said Legends' originator, Fred Smiley, an All-American out of Northwood College in Midland. "We have a lineup of outstanding former basketball stars, including the Harlem Globetrotters Barry Hardy who will be assisting us."

Some of the other ex-players who will serve as instructors include: Woodell Payne, Warren Woods, William Springer, Rich Walker, Jason Malloy, Ryan Kilgore, Bo Bivens and Eartha Faust.

The participants will get an opportunity to learn from some of the best who have ever played the game. They will get instructions on shooting, passing, dribbling,

as well as how to play defense.

"But it's the fundamentals that we'll be stressing," says Smiley. "And we'll have fun during it."

There also will be food and snacks for the youngsters.

If you haven't sign up, pick up a registration form, at the Inkster parks and recreation department. Fill out the form and return it.

Practice will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday and end at 6 p.m. (Aug. 4). The schedule also is the same for the Saturday (Aug. 5) session.

If you have any questions, please contact MCN Staff Writer Tom Mooradian on Monday or Tuesday at 734-729-4000.

WSGA is in rare golf form

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

They got down to the serious business of playing golf last weekend in the Women's Suburban Golf Association, and the challenge was the 18 holes at Huron Meadows Golf Course.

Nancy Wilkie came ready to play in the First Flight and beat Wayne's Terry Deisler for the top spot in the Low Gross Division. The Redford golfer shot an 80, and was 10-strokes better than the second-place

finishing Deisler.

The Low Net medalist honors in the First Flight went to Jan Antieu this week as she toured the course with a 69. Two-strokes back for runners-up honors was Livonia's Ginny Karolak.

In the meantime, Dearborn's Rita Heilmann led the pack in the Second Flight. Her 95 score was the best in the Low Gross. Livonia's Lori Wilson turned in the flight's second best score, and that was a 98.

Dearborn's Mary G. Stefanac looked good as she came

into the clubhouse with a 70 which was the Low Net in the Second Flight. Three-strokes behind was Livonia's Bernie Evans.

Golfers in the Third Flight apparently had their problems. Pat Wilson, of Dearborn Heights, shot a 102 and that was the Low Gross in the Flight. Helen Demshuk was second with 104.

Livonia's Dorothy Cortes and Westland's Mary Cunningham shared the Low Net medalist honors. Both carded 70s.

19 teams poised to battle for Anderson title

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Nineteen teams are poised for battle in the 24th annual Leonard J. Anderson Memorial Softball Tournament which will get underway Friday night in Wayne.

"We're ready to go," said Larry Quatuccio, tournament director. "This tournament has survived the test of time, and it seems to get better and better with each year."

"I think everyone enjoys it and that's why they come back year after year."

The games will be played on Anderson Field, located adjacent to the Wayne Community Center, Howe and Annapolis Road.

Red Wings Shoes clashes with ABT on Field No. 2, and Pietro Glass takes on Harlan's Metro Glass on Field No. 1 in the first two games of the weekend series.

Both openers are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

Quatuccio notes that Harlan's, a team out of Westland, "is definitely one of the better teams in the Metro Detroit Area. They should do well."

And so should Quatuccio's ball club - LDJ/Varsity/Journeyman/Eaton. Quatuccio's team is the defending

champ and one of the better teams in the nation. Other first-round games include: Wayne/Oakland Police vs. Lou's.

Lou's managed to pick up some of the better ball players in the Wayne County area, who were not committed to other teams and they should give the title contenders a battle for the title.

Plumbers & Pipefitters take on Atlas Limo at 7:15 p.m. on Field 2 Friday. Plumbers & Pipefitters traditionally have competed in the tournament and won the top prize in the 1980s.

Quatuccio's defending champs will make their debut at 8:30 p.m. on Friday on Field No. 1 against the Northend Dogs. LDJ/Varsity/Journeyman/Eaton is currently ranked No. 2 in the nation with USSSA Class A.

However is the first to admit that it will be tough to repeat.

"First of all we don't know too much about Northend, and there are just too many talented teams this year."

At 9:45 p.m. Friday, there will be a Home RUn Derby, and all are invited to compete.

"You don't have to be in the tournament to be able to participate in the Derby," said Quatuccio.

Wolves enjoy Disney World, and a 3rd place

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Trips usually to Disney World are fun.

But for the Wayne-Ford Wolves, the trip to Orlando not only was fun, but also very rewarding.

The Wolves finished third and were awarded the bronze medal in a field that included 65 other baseball clubs from across the country. Wayne played teams from Puerto Rico, Florida, Georgia and Houston.

Houston captured the coveted tournament championship, after erasing Wayne in the semifinal round.

The Wolves opened up the preliminary round against the Puerto Rico Reds and Wayne's Alex Cowart, Byran Glenn, Mike Brayton and J. J. Pierce had little mercy on the Reds' pitching staff as they each drilled two hits in the victory.

Wayne hurler Jarrell Terry fired a three-hitter and notched eight strikeouts in five innings of work. The abbreviated game was called because of the Mercy Rule after Wayne had built up more than a 10-run lead.

Next, the Wolves took to the diamond against a capable Florida All-Star squad, which looked good. The contest turned into a pitcher's duel as Chris Holcomb and Alex Cowart held the Sunshine State's lineup to one hit.

However, the duel ended in a 5-3 Wayne victory thanks to

Pierce's single in the second which chased in two runs and Billy Hardin's two-run base hit.

With two victories under their belts, Wayne then moved in to take on Winder, Georgia. The "Peach State" team was no match for the Wolves who feasted on a 6-0 shutout. Another Georgia club, this time Clayton, stood in the Wolves' path to the semifinals, and the two battled to a 12-9 decision with Wayne surfacing with the victory.

The Wolves received outstanding performances from Toby Matchulet, Terry and Josh Brewer, who latched on to two hits apiece. The victory assured the local team of a berth in the medal round.

The road got rougher in the final four, but the Wolves did manage to turn back Atlanta, 7-3, as Terry came through for the winners with a three-hit, 13 strikeout pitching effort.

In the semis, the Wolves clashed with Houston, the team that eventually captured the tournament title. Houston moved into the championship round after claiming an 8-2 victory. Chris Homcombs' two hits were the bright spots of the Wolves' assault.

Wayne bounced back and defeated Winder, 10-6, for the Bronze Medal.

Wayne used the services of a trio of pitchers - Matchulat, Holcomb and Terry to pick up their medals. At the plate, Broughton, Nate King and Lewis were standouts.

Sports Beat

Here's what is happening on the **Sports Beat** this week:

Bink's wins Romulus title

Romulus Parks and Recreation staged its Independent Softball Association 10th annual Stars and Stripes Softball Invitational and Binks Forest turned back Team Junk to claim the title.

Bill Kostich led the champs at the plate and on defense. Team Junk got an outstanding overall effort from Dave Mossian, who also led the tournament in batting with an incredible .900 batting average.

The third place trophy went to Larsen Maintenance whose star, Joe Atherton also was named to the All-Invitational team.

Eight teams participated in the one-day, two loss-elimination tournament.

Soccer camp dates are set

Soccer will be the name of the game in Canton Township where Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will host a Soccer Camp for children, ages 5 to 11, starting on Monday, July 31.

Camp officials say the camp will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. through Thursday, Aug. 3. Instruction is geared to help

the beginner and intermediate players develop proper playing skills and in-depth knowledge of the game.

Registration fee is \$20 per player, and the fee is payable at the time the participant signs up.

The camp will offer each player the fundamentals of the sport, soccer materials, a t-shirt, and a soccer ball to take home.

Christ Our Savior is located at 46001 Warren Road, just west of Canton Center Road. For further information please dial 734-522-6830.

Fall baseball league planned

Total Baseball is sponsoring a fall baseball league starting Aug. 12 and running through Oct. 15.

The league will be divided into the following divisions: 11 and 12 year olds; 13-14 year olds; a division for prospective Junior Varsity high school players; and also Varsity (high school) players.

All the games will be played on the weekends.

League organizers note that "this is one of the largest fall baseball programs in the country. All high school rosters will be sent to the Michigan colleges and professional teams.

There is a \$210 individual and \$1,350 team registration

fee, and \$75 of the fee will be forfeited if the team cancels.

Playoff trophies are included to those teams that qualify.

Deadline to enter is Aug. 5. Total Baseball may be reached at 248-668-0166 for further information.

WYAA continues to sign players

Officials of the Westland Youth Athletic Association continue to accept registration from prospective players for the association's fall football program.

WYAA is accepting registration on Wednesdays and Saturdays for the freshmen, junior varsity and varsity squads.

Players, subject to weight guidelines, must be between the ages of 5 to 14. Players will be assigned either to the WYAA's Comets or Meteor teams.

Registration is being accepted at the WYAA Compound, located at 6050 Farmington Road, two blocks north of Ford Road. Prospective players may sign up between the hours of 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, and 10 to noon on Saturday.

WYAA is also looking for cheerleaders for its two teams.

Interested persons who plan to have their children play for the Meteors are asked to contact Ken Smith at 728-

9237. Keith DeMolay is the Comets' contact person.

Canton golf date is set

There are only three Canton Township golf clinics left in the summer program.

Recreation officials remind golfers who plan to attend the township's annual Junior Golf Clinic that there is still time to register.

The clinics will be staged July 19, 26 and Aug. 2.

Officials say that the first clinic will be staged from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., then they will set up times by age and skill levels.

The clinics will be held at Pheasant Run Golf Club.

Participants will need tennis or golf shoes, a 3 or 5 wood or 7 or 9 iron and putter to take part in the classes.

There is no residency requirements, and those interested may sign up between the hours of 8:20 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Canton Parks and Recreation Offices, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Mich. 48188.

Sports Beat is compiled and written by MCN Staff Writer Tom Mooradian.

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Romulus seeks softball teams

The Romulus Parks and Recreation Department is seeking men's softball teams for its fall leagues.

Recreation officials say they plan to field a Friday Night Men's Doubleheaders League in late August. The league will be made up of six teams with each team playing 10 games.

Officials also have on the drawing boards a plan to organize a Sunday Afternoon Men's Doubleheaders League and are looking for at least 10 teams for that league.

There is a 5 p.m., Aug. 18 deadline to register teams for the fall season. Officials also announced that their will be a

ducted beginning at 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the Romulus Parks & Recreation Building.

The Friday Night league action commences on Aug. 25; the Sunday League teams will take to the field on Aug. 27.

The entry fee will cover the costs to purchase softballs, pay umpires, score keepers and also purchase awards. There is a two-game elimination tournament which will be staged at the end of the regular season.

Managers or team representatives who need further information are urged to contact Keith Brothers, at the Recreation Department.



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Time to register running out City Championship Golf field is filling fast

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Time is running out on local and area golfers who are planning to compete in the City Championship Golf Tournament.

The tournament will be staged the first weekend of August at the Woodlands of Van Buren. The competition decides the city titles of the cities of Wayne, Inkster, Westland, Romulus and also Canton and Van Buren townships.

Jeff Rutter, Wayne Parks and Recreation Supervisor, who has served as tournament director, says that there should again be a "very competitive field this year."

"We have some excellent golfers who compete in this each year and we have those

who come out just to play golf," said Rutter. "But, if you're planning to play, please send in your entry fees so that we can make up the foursomes."

The summer classic, in its 39th year, is opened to all amateur golfers - men and women. The tournament is a two-day affair that will be staged Aug. 5 and Aug. 6.

Rutter stressed that golfers outside of the designated communities who have traditionally been involved in the tournament may also compete, but they will be assigned to an Open Division.

Also, each city must have a minimum of six golfers or those entered in the tournament will be assigned to the Open Division.

"This tournament is based on the actual scores over the

two-days of competition," said Rutter. "Golfers will be placed into flights based on their first day's scores. In the finals, we usually like to send off the first-round leaders first."

Competitors who finish in the top three places in each of the divisions will be awarded trophies. In case of a tie for one of the trophies, those involved are invited to conduct a "sudden death" playoff to determine the winner of the trophy.

The top five finishers, both men and women, in the Championship Flights, may be eligible to compete for the state Recreation Golf Tournament Championship.

In order to be eligible to compete at state, the golfer must be a bona fide resident of the city he represents.

The state tournament will be staged on Sept. 16 in the city of Livonia.

There is a \$75 per player entry fee. This fee covers the greens' fees for both days and the costs of trophies. However, the fee does not cover the rental of a golf cart.

Women from the designated area are also invited to compete in the tournament.

The 2000 City Golf Championships are sponsored by the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department; Westland Parks and Recreation; Westland Municipal Golf Course, and the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course.

Competitors who need further information are urged to contact Jeff Rutter at 734-721-7400.

He's a bronze medal winner

Belleville resident, Alan Armitage, a disabled Army veteran, competed in the 20th annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games, held last week in San Antonio, Texas.

Armitage, who competed for the gold in four events, finished with a bronze medal in the javelin toss. He also competed in bowling, shot put, discus and quad weightlifting.

The field of more than 600 athletes from 40 states, Puerto Rico and Great Britain makes the Wheelchair Games the largest sports event in the United States.

All athletes are military



Alan Armitage (above) represented Belleville and the area at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and returned home with a bronze medal (third place) in the javelin toss event.

veterans who use wheelchairs due to spinal cord impairment, certain neurological conditions, orthopedic amputations, or other disabilities.

Armitage, 48, is a quadriplegic with brain injury and an amputee (right leg below

the knee). He is currently receiving care at the VA medical facility in Ann Arbor.

"Participating in the Veterans Games keeps me fit and I just like the competition," Armitage said.

They are athletes, scholars

Not only are they excellent athletes, but two area college students are also outstanding scholars.

Theresa Radtke, a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School who is a sophomore at Kalamazoo College, and Belleville's Rebekah Schultz, a junior at Albion, were recently named to the Honor Roll for the 1999/2000 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Academic Honor Roll, Commissioner Sheila Wallace-Kovalchik announced.

The Honor Roll recognizes scholar-athletes who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) for the entire 1999/2000 academic year.

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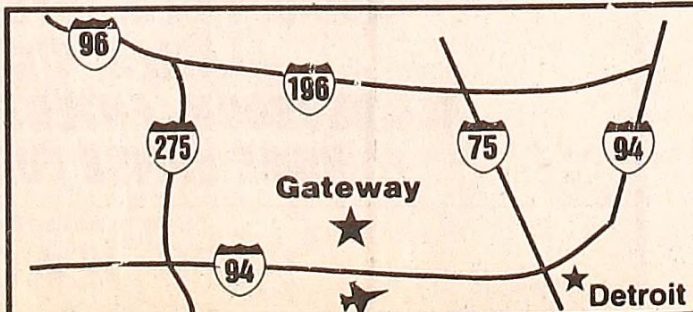
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BARTRUM, KENNETH C.
Age 74 of Garden City passed away on July 9, 2000. A beloved husband to Barbara. A dear father to Cindy (Bruce) Anderson, Joyce Farrell, Rebecca (Bruce) Buster, David (Kelly) Bartrum, Patrick (Dawn) Bartrum, and Michael (Teresa) Bartrum. He is survived by 4 brothers, 3 sisters, 17 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Cremation rites were accorded.

BOND, ROBERT M.
Infant son of Richard Michael Bond and Angel Rae Denton. A beloved brother to Michael Denton, and Westley Denton. A grandson to Michael and Karen Denton, Robert and Mae Bond, Harriett Miller, Evelyn Osborne, and Jack Springborn. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Glenwood Cemetery.

BRITTIAN, ROBERT V.
Age 94 of Inkster passed away on June 23, 2000. A beloved husband to Viola, a dear father to Vivian, Sandra, Lillian, Bern, Dorothy Helen, and his step-son William. He leaves behind 2 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild. Services were held at Smith Chapel AME Church.

BULLARD, SR., ARTHUR
Of Inkster passed away on June 18, 2000. He leaves behind 1 son, Arthur Jr., 6 daughters, Lillian, Barbara, Delories, Rose, Sandra, & Jacqueline, one brother, one sister, 31 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, and 25 great-great-grandchildren. Services were held at Greater First Missionary Baptist Church.

CARRICO, JAMES E.
Age 72 of Belleville, passed away on June 29, 2000. A beloved husband to Elanor and a dear father to Thomas F. Carrico, James (Sandra) Carrico, III, Barbara Carrico, and Roberta (Ronald) Fisher. A beloved brother to Mary Carrico. He is survived by 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Funeral services were held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

COLLINS, RUBY (HICKS),
age 73, of Romulus, a native of French Lick, Indiana was born September 17, 1926 and passed away June 12, 2000. Loving wife of Floyd J. Collins. Beloved mother of Douglas White, Leamon White, Jon White, Randy White, Sherry (David) Mandell, Floyd W. Collins, and Dawn Collins-Gierak. Grandmother of 16 great-grandmother of 6, loving sister to 6 brothers and 1 sister. Services were held at Crane Funeral Home with Pastor Hawbaker officiating. Burial was held at



James Stroud of Hazel Park (Formerly of Wayne), age 28, passed away on July 1, 2000. Mr. Stroud is survived by his parents-Brenda Stroud of Wayne and Ralph & Barb Stroud of Trenton. Also survived by 1 brother-Kevin, 3 sisters-Shelda Hyder, Beth Kendrick & Belinda Chaff and nieces & nephews.
Funeral services were held on July 6, 2000 from Uht Funeral Home.
Mr. Stroud graduated from Wayne Memorial in 1991. Lived in Wayne for 22 years. Contributions accepted.

Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home.

DAILEY, FOSHEE J.
Age 57 of Mt. Clemens passed away on June 28, 2000. He leaves behind children, Delano, Lisa, Derrick, and Nicole. He also leaves 9 grandchildren, and 2 aunts. Services were held at Penn Funeral home with interment at Mt. Elliot Cemetery.

ENSIGN, RICHARD D.
Age 69 of Westland passed away on July 8, 2000. A dear father to Dawna Standish, Rachel Ensign, Scott Ensign, and Hiram Ensign. Survived by 4 sisters, Hazel Baker, Margaret Patton, Elaine Ensign, and Eleanore Suriano. Preceded in death brother Kenneth Ensign, Daniel Ensign, and sister Jennifer Tidlot. Services were held at Uht Funeral home with interment at Union Chapel Cemetery in Inkster.

HAMILTON, WINFRED F.
Age 87 of of Ypsilanti passed away on June 23, 2000. She leaves behind daughter, Winfred Hamilton Odom along with family and friends. Services were held at J. Foster Phillips Funeral Home in Jamaica, New York.

LITTLE, AMBER N.
Expected daughter of Lloyd Little, Jr., and Drema Coble. A beloved expected grand-daughter of Lloyd (Pat) Little, Sr., Willie (Martha) Coble, and Claudette (Carl) Grissman. A beloved expected sister of William Tindall and Alycia Cronk. Services were held at Highland Cemetery with interment at Highland Cemetery.

LOWE, MARY E.
Age 75 of Inkster passed away on June 18, 2000. She leaves 9 children Jean, Dorothy, Edward, Willie, Mary, Samuel,

Daniel, Bruce, and Desi. Also she leaves 22 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and a god son, Hen. Services were held at Pilgrims Travelers Church.

NEELEY, JADAYA G.
2 months old of Wayne passed away on June 27, 2000. A beloved daughter of Stacey Gee, and Jacob Neely. A dear sister to Anjalliyah, and 4 brothers, grandparents, Denise Gee, Barbara Neely & Robert Williams, and great-grandparent. Services were held at Penn Funeral home with interment at Detroit Memorial Park West.

RIDLEY JR., ROBERT J.
Age 74 of Grayling, formerly of Wayne. Loving father to Martha Chwastek, Laure Ridley, also has two sisters and two brothers. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home, with interment at Detroit Memorial Park in Redford.

SHERER, ROBERT C.
Age 70 of Romulus, passed on June 30, 2000. A dear father to Stephanie (Curtis) Smith, Robert Sherer Jr., Walter Sherer, and Cathy Furman. Also survived by 5 grandchildren. Services were held at Crane Funeral Home, with interment at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

SKRZYCKI, ROBERT L.
Age 60 of Westland passed away on June 25, 2000. He is survived by a son Scott Skrzycki a sister, Patricia Moore, and step-son James (Carolyn) Gregones. He also is survived by a niece, nephew, and 2 grandchildren. Services were held at SS. Simon & Jude Catholic Church.

WADE SR., JAMES E.
Age 68 of Romulus, passed away on June 25, 2000. A beloved husband of Ethelyn. Also dearest father to Debra R. Hershberger, Judith A. Lange, Delores

A. McKinnie Brenda Rushlow, James E Wade, and Gerald R. Wade. A loving grandfather to 20 and great-grandfather to 19. He is also survived by several siblings. Services were held at Rivers of Living Water Church in Taylor and the interment at Parkview Memorial Gardens in Livonia.

WARRINGTON, TYLER J.
Infant child of Kristy and John Warrington passed away on July 9, 2000. A brother to Jamie Risch. A niece to Justin Warrington, Tim Bierbaum, Kristi Warrington, and Lisa Hall. A grandson to Jim and Carol Bierbaum, Denise and Larry Holmes, and John and Debbie Warrington. A cousin to Kayla Bierbaum, Timothy Bierbaum, Kaylee Warrington, and Kimberly Warrington. The funeral services were held at Uht

Funeral Home with interment at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

WILLIAMS, HAROLD R.
Age 57 of Livonia passed away June 15. Loving husband to Gloria Nowak. Beloved father to Richard Williams, Robert (Vanessa) Williams, Tama (David) Coleman, Delynn Allen, and Candice Williams. Survived by brothers Gordon, Donald, and Daniel. He is also survived by 2 sisters Mary Sue Linebrink and Margaret Thompson. Grandfather to five. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded.

WILLIAMS, PATRICIA A.
Of Belleville passed away on June 12, 2000. A dear mother to her children.

Son Norman R. Williams III, daughters Valarie (Morris) Altizer, Maureen Williams, Lisa Ann (Richard) Sterrett, as well as an infant daughter that preceded her. She leaves behind her mother Johnnie (Richard) Hamp, father William Jennings Hawkins who preceded her, sister Mary (Richard preceded in death) Woodby, brother Don (Becky) Hamp, and brother Daniel (JoAnn) Hamp. As well as nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The services were held at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church.

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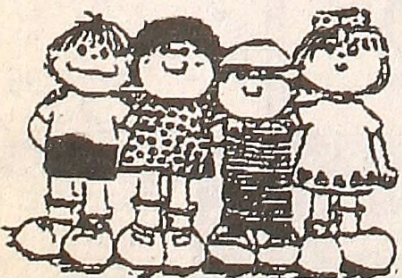
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COLLAPSIDIS IN CONCERT is now slated outdoors for Aug. 25 at the Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Whitmore Lake. Doors will open at 4 p.m. and the general admission cost will be \$10. For tickets call 734-449-0040. For more information call Euphoria Productions at 248-437-7466.

CONTINENTALS' CONCERT is slated for 6 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road (between Lilley and Main) in Canton. The veteran Christian group composed of 30 vocalists and technicians between the ages of 16 and 26 will offer a high energy program entitled *Testify to Truth*.

INKSTER HIGH REUNION the graduating Class of 1961 is seeking class members participation in their 40th annual reunion. The next slated meeting date for the reunion planning is 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 12, 2000 at the Inkster Recreation Complex on Middlebelt Road -- just off Michigan Avenue. For more information call Ms. Michal Walker (acting president) at 734-722-3819 or Joanne Geter Blending at 313-791-8864 of 8865.

BELLEVILLE ARTS PICNIC is slated for Aug. 3 in Van Buren Park. A gourmet picnic and Silent Art Auction will be featured. Tickets cost \$35 each. The auction will begin at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. For more information call 697-7151 or 483-5529.

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COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW is slated from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 16 at the City of Plymouth's Art Fair, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth. Admission is \$5, with children under 10 free with an adult. For more information call 734-455-2110.

STREET RODS, HOT RODS AND ANTIQUE CAR CRUISE is slated from 6 to 9 p.m. July 28 in downtown Chelsea. There is no fee to enter your vehicle. Dash plaques will be given away to the first 100 participants. The award ceremony will be at 9 p.m. There will also be dancing to the R and B, Jazz and Blues by the *In The Pocket Band* from 4 to 6:30 p.m. followed by the shuck and jive and rock-n-roll classics of the 50's and 60's with the *Sea Cruises* from 7 to 10 p.m. For more information call 800-265-9045.

UNITED WAY planning to kick off its 52nd campaign seeking a goal of \$75 million. The campaign is entitled *Building Hope. It's What We Do Together* will begin on Sept. 8. Kickoff torchlighting and community celebration will begin at 4:30 p.m. at Hart Plaza, Jefferson and Woodward in Downtown Detroit. For more information call 313-226-9200.

BOYS AND GIRLS SUMMER BIBLE CLUB featuring a Jesus My Savior and Friend Series will be offered from 9:30 to 11 a.m. July 24-28 at Hamilton School yard, corner of Avondale and Schuman. There is no charge. For more information call Mrs. King at 734-595-0763.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS state competition levels in softball and golf will be held July 28-29.



Scott Gizicki of Canton (left) playing the part of Woody Cutter tries to steal a kiss from Brooke Andres filling the role of June in the production of *Little Red - A Rollickin', Frolickin' 50's Phenom* offered by the Players Guild in Dearborn.

Canton residents star in musical

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Two Canton Township actors and a township co-producer play key parts in the musical show entitled *Little Red - A Rollickin', Frolickin' 50's Phenom* opening tomorrow night in Dearborn.

The production features young Little Red Riding Hood getting sidetracked while she is delivering her Avon orders -- and meeting rock star Dylan Preston.

Two Canton residents are listed in the cast including: **Scott Gizicki**, who plays the part of a brave and amorous woodcutter named Woody, and

Parker Plague offers some unique styles as a cannibalistic wolf.

In addition, Corrine Fine of Canton is an assistant director and co-producer of the show.

The show was written by Guild member Lisa Andres -- the 10th original work she has offered in recent years.

The theatre is located at 21730 Madison in Dearborn, southeast of Monroe Street in Dearborn. Performances are slated for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Shows also are planned for July 27-30.

General seating tickets cost \$5 and can be obtained by calling 313-561-TKTS.

The softball competitions are slated at the Canton Softball Center with registration beginning at 11 a.m. and opening ceremonies slated for 8 p.m. July 28, and closing ceremonies at 2 p.m. July 29. The golf events will be held at the Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti on July 28 only. Registration is slated for 9:30 a.m. and competitions begin at 10 a.m.

HEALTHY HEART OPEN slated by Oakwood Medical Centers is slated for Sept. 11 at the Dearborn Golf and Country Club. Cost is \$250 per person and includes 18 holes of golf (scramble style), morning and afternoon shotgun starts, lunch, evening reception, silent auction and raffles. Funds raised will be used for cardiac education and outreach programs in southeast Michigan.

HOSPICE TRAINING CLASSES offered by Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. will begin Aug. 21 and conclude Aug. 31. Classes are slated at CHHCS offices at Warren and Venoy Roads in Westland. Hours are from 5 to 9 p.m. Classes are free and train volunteers how to help with needs of terminally ill and their families. For more information call 734-522-4244.

HUMANE SOCIETY RAFFLE offering a red 1965 Ford Mustang convertible as top prize is now being conducted. Tickets cost \$2 each or three for \$5 and can be purchased at MHS offices at 37255 Marquette in Westland. For more information on the raffle call 313-872-3400 Ext. 309.

3 U.S. Olympic hopefuls to visit GM Plant Friday

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Three U.S. Olympic hopefuls -- accompanied by gold medalist Evelyn Ashford will visit the Romulus based General Motors Powertrain Engine plant tomorrow for meetings with local UAW workers and others.

The visit is part of the UAW-GM program known as *The Team Behind the Team*.

The three visiting Olympic hopefuls and their sports field

are: Matt Chulis (soccer); Kristin Kuehl (track and field) and Eric Owens (table tennis).

The trio will attend a special reception at the plant, sign autographs for employees and tour the engine plant.

"We are proud to show our support for the athletes, who will represent the U.S. in the 2000 Olympic games," said Steve Somers, plant manager.

UAW Local 163 Shop Chairman Rick O'Donnell said "our involvement in this program is an example of the many ways

in which the UAW and GM work together in the community."

The plant is located on Ecorse Road in Romulus, between Wayne and Hannan Roads. Workers there produce both V6 and V8 engines for General Motors cars and trucks.

Olympic gold medal winners Grant Hill and Dorothy Hill co-chaired the Advisory Panel, who selected the Olympic hopefuls making such appearances as those on Friday.

Black woman named bishop of Michigan Methodists

Joining a historic new trend across the U.S., the United Methodist Church last Friday named an African American woman -- Linda Lee -- as one of its new bishops.

It was noteworthy that Lee was selected to serve in Michigan, since it is rare that a bishop is named to lead in an area that she has previously served as pastor or superintendent.

Lee will succeed retiring Bishop Donald Ott on Sept. 1. Ott is remembered most by non-Methodists and Methodists alike for serving as foreman of a jury that found assisted physician suicide Dr. Jack Kevorkian not guilty.

Lee will oversee more than 200,000 United Methodists in Michigan.

Lee has served most recently as superintendent of the East District of the U.M. Church's Detroit Conference.

She previously also served as pastor of the Central UMC Church in Detroit (1990-92) and the Conant Avenue UMC Church in Detroit (1992-95).

Local Methodist pastors interviewed upon the news of Lee's appointment said they had limited knowledge of Lee -- but felt she was more conservative than Ott.

If Lee follows tradition, she will make visits to various locations including Western Wayne County in months following her taking over the office of bishop.

A native of Ohio, Lee was born on July 9, 1949. She is married and has three children.

She earned a bachelor of arts from the University of Pittsburgh in 1976. She later received her master's degree in divinity at the United Theological Seminary (1984) and her doctorate of ministry from

the United Theological Seminary in 1994.

Tom McAnally, director of the UM News Service, said

Lee's appointment to Michigan is "unusual and very rare" but the United Methodist Discipline does allow it.

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